Do you know when you can or what will happen if you use your firearm for self-defense?

When can you shoot an intruder in your home? When is it too early or too late to use a firearm in self-defense? What restrictions apply to carrying a concealed firearm if you have a concealed carry permit? If you don't have a permit? Know the laws that apply to you.

Our May 14, 2009 meeting will feature a talk on the Colorado law on self-defense and what will happen if you use your firearm. Daniel K. Usiak, Jr. is an attorney that teaches a 3-hour course in Colorado law and firearm use and self-defense at Whistling Pines Gun Club. Dan is going to boil this down into a FREE 1-hour presentation for our Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition members. This will be a great legal refresher for all of us, especially those with a concealed carry permit.

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In 1981, Daniel was admitted to the State Bar of Texas and practiced in Texas until 1984 when he became a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

In 2000, he became licensed in Colorado and returned to the practice of law. Daniel is currently admitted in Texas, Colorado and the United States District Court, District of Colorado.

Friends of NRA Event

The 14th annual Colorado Springs Friends of NRA dinner and fundraiser will be held on September 25, 2009 at Biggs Event Center. There will be a large number of firearms available to win in addition to the pre-event raffle of a gun safe filled with 10 firearms (details below). This will be an excellent event and your chance to support the NRA Foundation, the non-profit, non-political arm of the NRA. See the Colorado Springs website for all the details and to buy tickets: www.csfnra.com.

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PPFC April Meeting

Bob Foth, an Olympic Silver Medalist and the Manager of Youth Programs and Coach Development at USA Shooting, was our April speaker. Bob spoke about the Olympic shooting sports and the programs that USA Shooting has to encourage and train young shooters.

USA Shooting, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, was chartered by the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of shooting in April 1995. The organization implements and manages development programs and sanctions events at the local, state, regional, and national levels. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, USA Shooting has a full-time staff dedicated to furthering the sport and supporting athletes and members of the organization. The organization has a USA Shooting News magazine publication, as well as public and member specific web sites.

Partially funded by the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Shooting relies on donations from supporters of the Olympic Movement, membership dues, event fees and the corporate partners who take a strong interest in the development of the U.S. Shooting Team. Visit www.usashooting.org to learn more about how you can support the U.S. Shooting Team and the organizations that are investing in Team USA’s golden future.

PPFC members voted to donate $500 to USA Shooting at our April meeting.

Win a safe full of guns

The Colorado Springs Friends of NRA committee is having another pre-event raffle this year for their September 25, 2009 dinner. Last year, PPFC member Dennis Moore bought two $20 raffle tickets and won a gun safe and 10 guns worth about $5,000! You could be this year’s winner of a gun safe and 10 guns for only $20. Last year’s raffle sold out. If you’d like a raffle ticket, check the FNRA website (www.csfnra.com) where you can see the details on the safe and the guns. You can also purchase tickets for the raffle and the dinner on-line or printout an order form to mail in. You do not need to be present at the dinner to win the raffle, but there will also be a lot of great prizes at the dinner. These are also listed on the website and we they are adding more prizes. Don’t be shut out of the raffle—get your tickets today!

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